



Vestergaard Frandsen is a rapidly growing company specialized in complex emergency response and disease-control textiles. We are guided by a unique Humanitarian Entrepreneurship business model, the "profit for a purpose" approach that has turned humanitarian responsibility into our core business.

Our innovative products and concepts include PermaNet® long-lasting insecticide-treated mosquito bed nets and curtains, ZeroFly® insecticide-incorporated plastic sheeting, and LifeStraw® water filters. Vestergaard Frandsen's newest offering, CarePack®, provides a set of evidence-based preventative interventions to improve the health and lives of HIV positive individuals. These tools are all specifically designed to prevent the waterborne, vector-borne and neglected tropical diseases which disproportionately affect the developing world.

We are headquartered in Switzerland and have offices in the USA, UAE, India, Ghana, Nigeria, Kenya, South Africa and Indonesia. We work in tandem with the United Nations, Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs), National Ministries of Health, charitable organisations and commercial distributors, to ensure our lifesaving innovations reach those most in need.

RESEARCH CENTRE MANAGER in Ghana

We are looking to recruit a new Manager for our Research Centre in Ghana. You will be responsible for the coordination of all laboratory research activities, running tours for sales staff and managing all staff needs pertaining to the efficient running of the Centre. The position reports to the Field Trials Manager based in Ghana.

THE JOB

Your responsibilities are:

- Centre management to include coordination of supplies, site layout and good laboratory practices across multiple business areas: Food Security, Water Filtration, Vector Control
- Liaise with Regional Office, Human Resources, Finance, and Management on all centre needs / issues
- Represent Vestergaard Frandsen during visits by country stakeholders
- Outline and adhere to a consistent workflow floor plan for all sites
- Contribute to the organization of lab supplies, consumables, and infrastructure to support research activities. Maintain stock of laboratory equipment, organize shipping of equipment and coordinate customs clearance
- Work across the organization to develop integrated laboratory plans
- Comply with all safety regulations and procedures. Ensure compliance of assigned staff
- Coordinate technical staff to facilitate a common working environment at each site
- Responsible for planning, implementing and maintaining laboratory organization



- Create a positive and effective work environment. Maintain employee etiquette and ensure that all employees complete their assignment in a timely manner
- Monitor all expenditures and ensure that spending is on target with approved budget

YOU

- Have a minimum of a Bachelor's degree in a Public Health related field. Master's degree preferred (e.g., MPH, MHA)
- Are proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel, and Access
- Have the ability to work independently across organizational boundaries
- Have strong organisational skills
- Are able to make decisions that involve the consideration of complex issues; with ability to develop decision guidelines
- Adhere to established guidelines and procedures
- Work with precision and commitment to data driven quality output
- Handle detailed work quickly, correctly and efficiently
- Are socially focused with 'how can I help you' attitude
- Are an effective communicator who is able to stimulate others
- Are enthusiastic with high-energy and passionate to make a difference
- Cultivate an 'everything-is-possible' attitude, breaking habits and challenging assumptions
- Are at ease in a young, casual environment.
- Have had exposure to emerging markets in Africa

The position is based in our Research Centre in Ghana. If you possess the above qualifications and the drive to meet the challenges, please send your cover letter to jobs-africa@vestergaard-frandsen.com enclosing your CV, a day-time telephone contact, names and contacts of three referees no later than **30 September 2011**.

We will only respond to electronic application and to shortlisted applicants.